

NIST Automatic Content Extraction (ACE07)

JANUARY-MARCH 2007 Evaluation Registration Agreement Form

To participate in the NIST 2007 Automatic Content Extraction Evaluation (ACE07) this registration form must be filled out in its entirety and returned to NIST by the registration deadline of **January 19th, 2007**.

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The following are **terms of participation** in the ACE07 Evaluation:

- On receiving the evaluation data the registered site will process the entire test set for each evaluation task checked below, in accordance with the ACE07 Evaluation Plan (<http://www.nist.gov/speech/ace/ace07/doc>), and return the system output files to NIST within **24 hours of receiving the data** in order for the submission to be considered valid and on time.
- Each site will be required to write a system description paper describing the system(s) evaluated. These papers will be due at NIST **February 27th, 2007**, and will be made available to all participants.
- The registered site understands that they are required to be represented at the follow-up Evaluation Workshop to be held in the Baltimore/Washington DC area on or around **March 14-15th, 2007**. Representative must be prepared to openly discuss all aspects of the system(s) evaluated.
- The registered site understands that the evaluation data is protected and cannot be redistributed.

The following are **terms of publishing** the NIST Automatic Content Extraction evaluation results:

- Your organization agrees that the sponsoring organizations (U.S. Government and their designees) will be permitted to publish your results without anonymity or further permission in the ACE Proceedings, ACE Website, and relevant publications that the sponsoring organizations choose.
- Your organization understands that, although the evaluation is open to all wishing to participate, results released prior to official publication by NIST are only to be discussed within the group of registered participants and representatives of supporting government agencies.
- Your organization agrees to not publicly compare its results with the results of other participants, such as stating rank ordering or score difference. Your organization is free to do what they wish with their own results, but may neither redistribute nor publish results from another site without that site's explicit permission. However, organizations are encouraged to reference the ACE website and official ACE evaluation publications in their publications.

NIST serves to coordinate the ACE evaluations. These tests are designed for local implementation by each participant. Only their results are returned to NIST for scoring. The reported results are not to be construed, or represented, as endorsement of any participant's system, or as official findings on the part of NIST or the U.S. Government.

Site Affiliation (please print): _____

Evaluation Tasks (<i>check boxes of planned participation</i>)	Arabic	Chinese	English	Spanish
Entity Detection and Recognition (EDR)				
Time Expression Recognition and Normalization (TERN)				
Relation Detection and Recognition (RDR)				
Event Detection and Recognition (VDR)				
Value Detection and Recognition (VAL)				
Entity Mention Detection (EMD)				
Relation Mention Detection (RMD)				
Event Mention Detection (VMD)				
One or More of the diagnostic tasks				

Contact Information

Name: _____
Phone: _____

Email addresses to receive the evaluation data (please print):

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(By signing and returning this form to NIST you are registering your site as a participant in the NIST ACE07 evaluation, and acknowledging that you have read and will abide by the protocols as described here and in the official evaluation plan.)